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All Criteria Pollutant Emissions Inventory Reporters

Re: BART Verification and Data Upgrade Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Background: A memo, dated November 4, 2002, was mailed to all facilities that report criteria pollutants annually to the department requesting the owner/operator to review the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART)—eligibility criteria and submit the identification of the BART-eligible units at each facility. As a result of that survey the list of BART-eligible facilities was published in a potpourri notice in the March 2006 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Some additions to the list and comments have been received due to this notification.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the department) is proceeding with the Regional Haze state implementation plan visibility screening and the most recent data must be used in the screening. Several years have elapsed since the original data was collected and the BART guidelines have been finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency within the last year. Additionally, the department expects some facility modifications and/or closures to have occurred based upon our assessment of the damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Therefore, the department requests that each facility review the final guidelines for BART-eligibility, complete the attached survey, and submit their response by email to jackie.heber@la.gov. Under the authority provided in LAC 33:III.919.B.4, the facility shall submit its responses by August 11, 2006. The final guidelines for BART determinations, including the most recent criteria, are attached and can also be found in the July 6, 2005, *Federal Register* on pages 39105-39172 or through the following link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-12526.pdf>.

If there are any questions concerning the survey submittal or if you would like to see the original survey response for your facility, please contact Ms. Jackie Heber at (225) 219-3486 or at jackie.heber@la.gov via e-mail. Questions concerning the Regional Haze Rule and/or BART should be directed to Mr. Jim Orgeron at (225) 219-3578 or at james.orgeron@la.gov via e-mail.

Sincerely,

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